

JOHN WOODHOUSE.

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John Woodhouse, son of Charles and Ann Long Woodhouse, was born July 21, 1830, at Wickle Street, four miles north of Doncaster, Yorkshire, England. Both his father and grandfather had been tailors by trade so John took up this work when he had left school at the age of thirteen, learning the fundamental rules of reading, writing and arithmetic.

When he was eighteen he joined the Methodist Church, but forsook that denomination shortly afterwards to become a Latter-day Saint, his family soon following him. January 6, 1851, found the Woodhouse family in Liverpool on their way to Utah.

Landing at New Orleans after two months' voyage, they proceeded at once to Saint Louis and after a year's stay there, continued on to Council Bluffs. By dint of much effort a wagon was secured in which not only the members of the family but several other passengers crossed the plains altogether seventeen passengers to one wagon. September 10, 1852, saw the company safely in Salt Lake.

Hearing of the contemplated erection of a sugar factory in Provo, and hoping thereby to obtain employment, John moved to that place, but was disappointed because the factory never materialized. The succeeding months were spent in Spanish Fork, Nephi and finally in Iron County.

From here he made various trips to the surrounding country, including New Mexico and the White Mountains. Woodhouse's services were in demand at this time as surveyor for city lots and ditches. From Iron County he next moved to Beaver City, where he served as bishop's clerk. In 1862, he made a trip to the

Missouri to assist the Church immigration.

In March, 1864, Woodhouse came from Beaver to Lehi in company with Daniel S. Thomas, whose daughter he had married. After a number of years he was called to go on a mission to England, leaving home September 9, 1874. After two years in Great Britain he returned home, reaching Lehi, June 11, 1876.

During his residence in Lehi. Mr. Woodhouse has filled the following public offices: alderman, three terms; councilor, two terms; justice of the peace, one term; assessor for Lehi City; deputy county assessor and collector, two terms; county justice of the peace, four terms. He has been associated with the Lehi Irrigation Company since its organization, being one of the original incorporators, in fact.

In addition to his public work, John Woodhouse has rendered invaluable assistance to his fellow-citizens in countless other ways. His great versatility has enabled him to act at different times as doctor, merchant, tailor, lawyer, engineer, and lecturer. Added to this, his remarkable memory has made it possible for him to collect and retain an immense fund of information which he has been willing always to use for the education and assistance of his fellows.

Today at the ripe old age of seventy-nine, his ability has not dimmed in the least and his countless friends wish yet to benefit by many more years of his friendship.